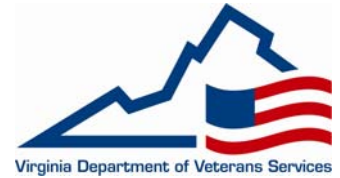


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Help available for veterans in the Fairfax area

FAIRFAX—Agents at the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) are fanning out across Northern Virginia to assist veterans with filing claims for state and federal veterans benefits. Visits are scheduled for the Loudon County Workforce Center, Middleburg Community Center, American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax, the VFW Post 7589 in Manassas as well as Dahlgren, Fairfax, Fredericksburg, Leesburg, Stephens City, Warrenton, and Winchester. Agents also visit the Pentagon and Ft. Belvoir. Visits to these sites will be at least monthly and, in some cases, weekly.

Although the DVS has permanent offices in Alexandria, Front Royal, and Quantico, agents spend at least one day every week on the road working with veterans at locations such as American Legion and VFW posts. Veterans and their family members will find a detailed schedule of DVS agent visits and hours at www.virginiaforveterans.com or by calling one of the DVS offices.

DVS agents help veterans apply for medical services and disability benefits due to disease or injury incurred during or aggravated by time-in-service or due to secondary medical conditions resulting from a service connection.

Agents also assist with other types of claims, such as veterans compensation and pension claims, dependency and indemnity compensation for widows/widowers and children of disabled veterans, widows' pensions, dependents' education, veteran home loans and death benefit claims. In short, DVS agents are advocates for veterans and their family members. They help veterans with their paperwork, track the claim with the VA, and represent veterans if they need to appeal a claim.

Statewide, the Department of Veterans Services operates 21 benefits offices where veterans can work with veterans service agents. The agency operates the Virginia Veterans Care Center (VVCC) in

Serving those who served.

Roanoke and the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond. The VVCC is a 240-bed long-term care facility offering nursing and domiciliary care for veterans. The Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center is a 160-bed long-term care center located adjacent to the McGuire Veterans Medical Center. The agency also certifies that post-secondary educational institutions meet G.I. Bill funding and eligibility requirements, enabling veterans and family members to pursue educational opportunities. DVS operates two cemeteries for veterans: the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia and the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. A third cemetery in Dublin, Virginia is in the initial stages of development.

For more information about the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, visit www.virginiaforveterans.com.

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DVS Office Locations

5520 Cherokee Avenue,
Alexandria VA 22312
(703) 813-1374

11A Water Street
Front Royal, VA 22630
1-866-895-5025

Quantico Marine Corps Base, Little Hall
2034 Barnett Ave., P.O. Box 1355
Quantico, VA 22134
1-800-925-0640

DVS agents will visit the following locations at least once a month and, in some cases, weekly.

Fleet and Family Support Center
4271 Potomac Drive
Dahlgren, VA 22448
Jason Williams

1st and 3rd Monday
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

American Legion Post 177 Fairfax
3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, VA 22030
Angel Lugo

Every Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

VA Clinic
1960 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 100
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Jason Williams

1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday
8 am – 3 pm

Loudoun County Workforce Center
102 Heritage Way, NE 2nd Floor
Leesburg, VA 20176
Geoffrey White

2nd and 4th Fridays
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

VFW Post 7589 Manassas:
9304 Centerville Road
Manassas, VA 20110
Angel Lugo

1st and 3rd Tuesday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Middleburg Community Center
300 West Washington Street
Middleburg, VA 20118
Geoffrey White

Every Wednesday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Bowman Library
871 Tasker Road
Stephens City, VA 22655
Geoffrey White

3rd Tuesday
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

American Legion Post 72
345 Legion Lane
Warrenton, VA 20186
Geoffrey White

2nd Tuesday
8:30 am – 11:00 am

Virginia Employment Commission
100 Premier Place
Winchester, VA 22602
Geoffrey White

1st Tuesday
9:30 am – 12:30 pm